

### REMARKS

A substitute specification is required.

Provided herewith is a substitute specification that incorporates the previously requested amendment (preliminary amendment filed with the application papers on July 9, 2003) and the foregoing amendment.

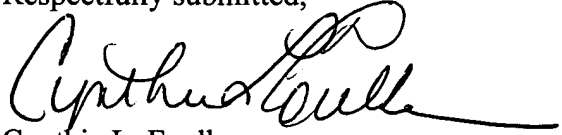
- In the preliminary amendment:
  - a typographical error was corrected on page 1, line 11, of the originally filed disclosure (substitute paragraph [0001]), and
  - claims 1-4 were canceled and replaced by new claims 5-17.
- By way of the foregoing amendment:
  - the drawing figures have been deleted from page 2 of the originally filed the disclosure,
  - a typographical error has been corrected on page 3, line 21, of the originally filed disclosure (substitute paragraph [0007]),
  - the disclosure on page 4, lines 7-24, of the originally filed specification has been deleted and reinserted as the first three paragraphs of the DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION on page 5 (substitute paragraphs [0012-0014]).
  - substitute drawing Figures 1 and 2 are added (support may be found in the drawing figures on page 2 of the originally filed specification).

**The substitute specification contains no new matter.**

Also provided herewith is a marked-up version of the substitute specification showing all changes to the specification of record.

Entry is requested and an early examination on the merits solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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